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CONTRACT SYSTEMS IN COAL MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coal mines continue to employ/engage labourers on contract basis;

(b) if so, the details of fields in which the contract system has been implemented;

(c) the number of workers employed under the contract system and the amount spent thereon during the last two years, year-wise and current year till date; and

(d) the reaction of the Government to the contract system presently in vogue in coal mines?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO):

(a) and (b) Coal India Limited and its subsidiary companies do not directly employ/engage labourers on contract basis. However, certain works, which are not of permanent and perennial nature, are given on contract for which contractors deploy their workmen. Contractor`s work are mainly of temporary nature and as a result, number of contractors` workmen keeps changing. Terms and conditions of service, other facilities/benefits etc. are as per the provisions of contract agreement and Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply given to part (a) and (b).

(d) Since the works given on contract are occasional in nature, the present system is required to be continued for the efficiency and economy of the Coal Companies.